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### **Central Library to Host Preview Presentations for San Diego Opera's 2006 Season**

**SAN DIEGO** –Special free preview presentations about productions of the 2006 San Diego Opera season will be hosted by the City of San Diego Public Library. Opera preview lectures help you prepare for each of the San Diego Opera's productions and integrate both background and plot synopses of the repertoire into presentations that are both entertaining and illuminating.

The lectures will be held in the third floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E St. in downtown San Diego. Dr. Ron Shaheen, a music instructor at the University of San Diego, will lead the presentations. The lecture schedule is as follows:

**"The Barber of Seville," by Gioachino Rossini**

- Tuesday, Jan. 24 at 2 p.m.

**"Lucia di Lammermoor," by Gaetano Donizetti**

- Tuesday, Feb. 14 at 2 p.m.

**"Carmen," by Georges Bizet**

- Tuesday, March 21 at 2 p.m.

**"Julius Caesar in Egypt," by George Frederic Handel**

- Tuesday, April 11 at 2 p.m.

**"Magic Flute," by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart**

- Tuesday, May 2 – at 2 p.m.

For more information about the presentations, call the Central Library at 619-236-5800 or visit the Library's Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>. For more information about the productions, visit the San Diego Opera's Web site at <http://www.sdopera.com>.

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